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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Action dated December 31, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 31, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 5 of this paper.